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1. DURING THE COURSE OF A PRIVATE DISCUSSION MEETING
LAST WEEK ATTENDED BY SENIOR WHITEHALL OFFICIALS AND
ACADEMICS THAT DEALT, AMONG OTHER THINGS, WITH EUROPEAN
DEFENSE COOPERATION, GORDON-LENNOX, FCO NORTH AMERICA
DEPT., MADE A STRONG INTERVENTION TO THE EFFECT THAT
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IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF THE US WOULD MAKE CLEAR ITS

VIEWS ON EUROPEAN UNITY AND COOPERATIVE EFFORTS,
ESPECIALLY IN THE FIELD OF DEFENSE.

2. AT THE END OF THE MEETING GORDON-LENNOX PURSUED THE
POINT WITH AN EMBASSY OFFICER WHO HAD ALSO ATTENDED
THE MEETING. GORDON-LENNOX SAID AGAIN THAT IT WAS
IMPORTANT IN HIS VIEW FOR THE US TO SPEAK OUT ON THE
QUESTION OF THE US ATTITUDE TOWARD EUROPEAN UNITY. HE
OBSERVED THAT IT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY HELPFUL TO DO
SO AT THIS TIME SINCE THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, WHO WILL
PLAY A KEY ROLE IN THE DECISION ON BRITISH MEMBERSHIP
IN THE COMMUNITY, IS STILL FORMING HIS OWN VIEWS ABOUT
THE VALIDITY OF EUROPEAN UNITY AND BRITISH COOPERATION
WITH THE CONTINENT.

3. EMBASSY OFFICER REPLIED ALONG LINES REFTTEL. GORDON-
LENNOX LISTENED ATTENTIVELY AND SIMPLY ADDED THAT HE
STILL THOUGHT US SHOULD TAKE A MORE FORCEFUL LINE WITH
CALLAGHAN ON US INTEREST IN SEEING EC RENEGOTIATION
SUCCEED.

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